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Best Western – Capital Inn
Jefferson City, Missouri
June 18, 2009
9:45 a.m. – 1:55 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Quinn, Gary Little, Garland Barton, Dr. Martha Ellen Black, Larry Rebman, Nancy Montgomery, Rhonda Stafford, Tim Flook, Carol Gossett, Dr. Zelema Harris, Patrick Lynn (obo Margaret Donnelly), Dr. John Gaal, Dr. Robert Stein, Gil Kennon, Cheryl Thruston, Richard Gronniger, Len Toenjes, Matt Aubuchon, Clare Urhahn, Alyson Campbell (obo Ronald Levy), Kelly Walters, Pat Kellett, Julie Gibson (obo Director Martinez), Dr. Mariann Atwell (obo George Lombardi), Brenda Wrench and Stacy Steen (obo Wes Shoemyer)

Members Absent: Mike Deggendorf (Chairman), Sheila Hitt, Dr. Neil Nuttall, Neal Boyd, Tom Dempsey and David Duncan

MoWIB Staff: Nia Ray, Glenda Terrill and Melita Oldelehr

Other Attendees: Mark Bauer, Roger Baugher, Amy Deem, Gilbert Hake, Melissa Woltkamp, Sue Sieg, Anita Henry, Bev Kelsay, Bill Dowling, Jasen Jones, June O'Dell, Dr. Tim Gallimore, Dawn Busick, Lisa Hostetler, Cindy Hufstedler, Kevin Stadler, Shirley Wilson, Tana Holder, Rod Nunn, Mark Fuqua, Don Eissinger, Don Holt, Franciena King, Patricia Carter, Liz Sharpe-Taylor, Alan Spell, Jana Holden, Patti Meldrum, Franciena King, Jason Archer and Mary Bruton

Opening Comments

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Gary Little at 9:45 a.m. Chair Mike Deggendorf was unable to make it due to inclement weather in Kansas City. Nia Ray extended the Chair's apology for his inability to attend.

The Board members and attendees introduced themselves.

Minutes

Robert Stein moved to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2009 and June 4, 2009 Executive Committee meetings. Len Toenjes seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes from both meetings were approved.

Welcome

Vice Chair Gary Little welcomed Nia Ray as the Executive Director of MOWIB. Ms. Ray stated that she looks forward to working with the Board.

Department Updates

Department of Economic Development

Julie Gibson deferred her departmental update to speak later on the agenda regarding stimulus legislation.

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Larry Rebman reported on the status of the unemployment trust fund and the successful passage of HB 1075 relating to unemployment benefits. The Department is also tracking unemployment benefit fraud and revising unemployment benefit publications for applicants.

Department of Health and Senior Services

Patrick Lynn reported that the healthcare workforce is an important statewide issue and that the nursing shortage is of statewide concern.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Tom Quinn reported that as of July 1st stimulus money will be going to schools, with larger amounts designated to special education and title programs. Don Eissinger reported that the state has experienced tremendous growth in the adult education and literacy programs.

Department of Higher Education

Robert Stein, reported that Higher Education is continuing to work on a public agenda for Higher Education. The Department of Higher Education is pushing to get independent sector data into our data system. They are working with Economic Development and DESE to create an expedited review process so that the proprietary, public and independent institutions wanting to start new programs are not inundated with bureaucracy.

Department of Social Services

Alyson Campbell from the Department of Social Services declined to provide a report as she is extremely new to the Board and her position.

Department of Corrections

Mariann Atwell of the Department Corrections reported that ex-offender housing and employment are critical to their successful re-entry into the community. She thanked Board members involved with the reentry program for their commitment to work with a population that is sometimes not looked upon positively, but reminded the Board that reentry is a society issue beyond incarceration.

Auto Industry Update

Jason Archer reported that Fiat/Chrysler announced reopening the plant and seven others on June 29th. They have identified 27 dealerships across the state of Missouri that will be "shuttered" through the process. There is no change in status at South Plant where minivans are built. The plant is closed, but still contains equipment. General Motors is in the middle of bankruptcy proceedings. They have announced the elimination of one shift from the Wentzville plant for sales reasons.

Governor Nixon created an automotive jobs taskforce through executive order which has been meeting for several weeks. It has a broad membership of industry, suppliers, and community representatives with past experience. The St. Louis Community College has a representative on the task force and the Full Employment Council (KC) has a representative appointed.

ARRA (Stimulus) Update / Department of Economic Development Update

Julie Gibson reported that the Department of Economic Development / Division of Workforce Development is scheduled to receive \$68 million in stimulus dollars. Approximately \$25 million is for the summer jobs program and the division is working with local investment boards to spend those dollars this summer. The Governor committed \$6 million of his discretionary dollars from both the stimulus adult and youth programs, which leaves approximately \$3.9 million in discretionary dollars for dislocated workers. The other 25% is dedicated to dislocated worker programs and also \$8 million in Wagner Peyser money. A Pell Grant opportunity has been made available as the President has announced that unemployed individuals would be eligible for Pell Grants.

DED/DWD is attempting to assist the Chrysler and GM workforces in providing workforce services that are available in the vicinity of the plant. The Division is considering transition centers or regional collaborations centers in those areas. The Division plans to work in partnership with other state agencies and other partners on the local level to take advantage of some grant opportunities particularly in the green jobs sector.

Next Generations Jobs Team Summer Youth Program Update

Melissa Woltkamp from the Division of Workforce Development reported that there is approximately twenty-seven million dollars allocated to the next generation jobs program. The goal is to serve 7,200 kids statewide by the end of September. Over 3,000 businesses expressed interest in participating in the program from high end business to local mom & pop grocery stores in the rural regions. The 3,000 businesses are expected to yield 11,000 jobs.

The Summer Youth program runs from June 1st through September 30th. The program is targeting high-growth occupations and emerging industries, community service related jobs, utilities, alternative energy. The workforce regions are trying to match youth participant interest and educational pursuits with suitable jobs. Currently, the regions are working on enrollment and staff is working overtime, including weekends.

Department of Economic Development Legislative Update

Julie Gibson provided a legislative update and stated that the Governor worked with legislators on both sides of the aisle to get the Economic Development bill passed. The bill aims to keep the economy progressing in terms of quality jobs. Pre-employment training will allow the workforce to be an incentive for companies to come to Missouri or expand in Missouri. The Missouri Bill Program is also a priority. The Department will also focus on ways to promote on-the-job training programs.

The Board then took a ten minute break.

Gary Little introduced Roger Baugher to present the State Plan Modification.

Review and Approval of State Plan Modifications

Roger Baugher gave an overall review of the proposed State Plan Modification for Program Year 2009.

Garland Barton moved to accept the plan. Larry Rebman seconded the motion. There were no objections to approval.

The Board recessed for lunch and resumed meeting at 12:35 pm.

Missouri Economic Research and Information Council (MERIC) Economic Overview

Alan Spell from MERIC, provided an Economic Overview. The data indicated that the unemployment rates for May 2009 were 9% in Missouri and 9.4% in the US, seasonally adjusted. U.S. unemployment by age groups indicates that younger workers have a higher rate than older workers. The economy is concentrated in broad sectors of the automotive, energy, agribusiness and life science industries. The economy is highly concentrated in detailed sectors such as animal food manufacturing, agricultural chemical manufacturing, HVAC and commercial refrigeration equipment manufacturing and data processing and related services. Missouri's economy has moderate growth.

For year 2016, Missouri top industry projections are healthcare, business and personal service support, restaurants, education and construction. The most difficult jobs to fill are: engineering, nursing, skilled/manual trades, teaching, sales representatives, technicians, drivers, IT staff, laborer and machinists/operators.

The results of a Missouri Job Vacancy Survey revealed: 1) sixty percent of Missouri's workforce in 2025 is currently in the workforce; 2) older population groups increase relative to the entire population; 3) skill attainment and life-long learning are as critical as degree acquisition and 4) digital literacy is a key skill for workers to transition from current occupations to emerging occupations. MERIC is currently planning a Missouri survey to assist in defining the term "green job."

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New Business

Nia Ray reported that the current goal is to have a full board by the September meeting where the National Governor's Association will assist the board to develop priorities and goals.

Julie Gibson stated that she and Nia Ray are inviting the National Governor's Association to speak to the Board about best practices around the country with respect to state boards. The goal will be to help the board create a vision and establish a direction. The Governor's Office is taking various types of diversity into consideration for board appointments and has made diversity a priority. The Governor's Conference on Economic Development will be held September 9-11 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in St. Louis from 1-5 pm. Registration will be paid for board members.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Zengendorf".

Michael D. Zengendorf
Chairman

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Nia Ray, Executive Director
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